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Minutes of the Meeting of the Duddington-With-Fineshade Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Thursday 1st October 2015.

Present:

Mrs S Parsons (Chairman)
Mrs S Hackett
Mr M Gilman
Mr R Holder
Mrs Scott

Mr Richard Reed – Clerk

Danny Moody, Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils

There were no residents present.

2015/050 Apologies for absence

Councillors Mrs George, Mr Hurst, Mr Maunder Taylor, ENC Cllr. Harrison, and the Police.

2015/051 Declarations of interest

Cllr. Mrs Hackett in respect of Forest Holidays item being a resident of Fineshade.

2015/052 NCALC Membership – Mr Danny Moody

Although the annual subscription had been renewed at the last meeting, Mr Moody had been invited to explain the benefits of membership. He explained how NCALC had changed over the last eight years and the financial changes that had resulted in the significant increase in the subscription rates this year. He also spoke of the services that were available to the Parish Council through NCALC and the fact that NCALC had retained solicitors to deal with legal issues. In answer to a question from the Chairman, Mr Moody said that the Board had given a commitment to limit increases over the next five years to the CPI rate. Cllr. Mrs Hackett expressed concern over the location of training courses. Mr Moody said that if 15 candidates could be assured then training could be hosted at individual villages.

2015/053 Public Time

No residents were present.

2015/054 Police Matters

In the absence of a Police officer, the Clerk presented the latest crime events.

The invitation to join the Community Speed watch initiative was discussed but it was agreed not to proceed at this time.

Speeding issues were discussed and the concerns over conflict at the slip road by the Royal Oak. Rumble strips were suggested. **Action: Clerk.**

2015/055 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 27.08.15

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th August 2015, copies of which had previously been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr. Mrs Hackett and seconded Cllr. Holder. It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a correct record of the previous meeting.

2015/056 Matters arising

Northamptonshire Highways had agreed to the requested speed restriction extensions in Stamford Road and Mill Road.

2015/057 Estate Matters

There were no issues to report.

2015/058 Forest Holidays Update

Cllr. Mrs Hackett said that there was nothing further to report at this time. The Clerk said that ENC Cllr. Harrison had been providing updates.

2015/059 Playground 2nd Phase

As Cllr. Maunder Taylor was not present it was agreed to carry the items regarding the conifer trees and the ongoing costs of the playground to the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

2015/060 Village Plan/Village Design Statement

Owing to other commitments Cllr. Mrs Hackett said that there had been no progress on this item to date. The Chairman again said that it was necessary to get an updated Village Design Statement in place as an interim measure given the time that it will take to prepare a Village

Chairman

Date

Plan and this was agreed. It was noted that Barrowden was due to commence the preparation of a Village Plan and the process for this would be observed.

2015/061 Correspondence

Items of correspondence that had been received since the last meeting were considered. The letter from Mr Prentice regarding the grave space in the cemetery was noted.

2015/062 Planning issues

- a) There had been no planning applications received.
- b) No applications had been considered since the last meeting.
- c) It was reported that Monkton Sidings was for sale.

2015/063 Finance

- (i) The Clerk presented the current statement of the accounts. There had been no receipts to the account although the second half payment of the precept was due at the end of last month.
- (ii) The following invoices were presented and Cllr. Mrs Hackett proposed that payment be made and this was seconded by Holder:
E.ON Street light maintenance £8.21 Cheque No. 100790
RBL Poppy Appeal £50.00 Cheque No. 100791
D Bates tree works £90.00 Cheque No. 100792
- (iii) Bank Mandate: The Clerk had prepared the necessary paperwork for the new signatories to visit their local Barclays branch for ID check. **Action: All**
It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs Parsons and seconded by Cllr. Mrs Scott that Barclays continue to be the appointed bankers.

2015/064 Items requiring urgent attention, for information or for the next agenda

As recorded in 2015/59, the playground items would be carried over to the next meeting.

Action: Clerk

The Chairman said that the s.106 agreement for the quarry was due to be signed and she would chase NCC for the details as Philip Watson unable to attend a meeting at the moment.

Action: SP

2015/065 Date of next meeting

Thursday 24th November 2015

There being no further urgent business the meeting closed at 8:55pm.